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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a video signal processor for producing an output signal suitable for coupling to a display device to produce a plurality of images for display to at least one viewer;  
a supervisor control system operable by a supervisor to create at least one viewer profile identifying images to be blocked from display to said at least one viewer;  
said supervisor control system operable by said supervisor to select a specific program having a rating above a set rating for blocking programs applicable to said viewer profile such that said select program is unblocked for the duration of the program while the other of said plurality of images for display are blocked according to said viewer profile, whereby upon completion of said selected specific program, said supervisor control system identifies images to be blocked according to said at least one viewer profile.

11. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 10 wherein said images correspond to programs and said viewer profile identifies programs to be blocked from display to said at least one viewer.

12. (Previously presented) The system of claim 10 wherein said images correspond to channels and wherein said viewer profile identifies channels to be blocked from display to said at least one viewer.

13. (Previously presented) The system of claim 10 wherein said viewer profile identifies at least one time period during which all images are to be blocked from display to said viewer.

14. (Previously presented) The system of claim 10 wherein an override list is formed including a selection of a plurality of programs having a rating above a set rating for blocking programs applicable to said viewer profile by a user and said override list is applicable to at least one corresponding viewer profile such that at least one image to be blocked according to said viewer profile is unblocked and at least one other image not blocked according to said viewer profile is blocked.

15. (Previously presented) The system of claim 14 wherein said override list is temporarily applied to at least one viewer profile.

16. (Previously presented) The system of claim 14 wherein said override list is applied for a period of time specified by said supervisor.

17. (Previously presented) The system of claim 14 wherein said override list includes at least one override selected from the group comprising: a) at least one channel blocking override, b) at least one time period blocking override, c) at least one rating blocking override, d) at least one program blocking override, e) at least one spending limit override, f) at least one image content blocking override, g) at least one total view time limit override.

18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 14 wherein said at least one override list is applicable to a plurality of viewer profiles.

19. (Previously presented) The system of claim 10 wherein said control system is operable by said supervisor to create a plurality of override lists applicable to said at least one viewer profile.

20. (Previously presented) The system of claim 10 wherein said control system is operable by said supervisor to create a plurality of override lists applicable to a plurality of viewer profiles.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 10 wherein said supervisor control system for producing an output signal includes at least one item selected from the group comprising: television receiver, set top box, video cassette recorder tuner.

22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 14 further including means to display to a viewer a blocking status based upon said override list.

23. (Currently Amended) In a video signal processing system for producing an output signal suitable for coupling to a display device to produce images to be displayed to at least one viewer, a method for blocking viewing by at least one viewer comprising the steps of;

creating a viewer profile identifying images to be blocked for a corresponding viewer;

selecting a program having a rating above a set rating for blocking programs to be applied to said viewer profile so as to allow said corresponding viewer to view said select program for the duration of said program;

monitoring blocking of the other of said images to be displayed according to the viewer profile; and

monitoring blocking of viewing of all images according to the viewer profile upon completion of said selected program.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 including the steps of forming an override list upon selection of a plurality of programs and storing said override list in a memory of said system.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 including a step of specifying a time period for application of said override list to said viewer profile.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 including a step of applying said override list to said viewer profile at the start of said specified time period and

stopping application of said override list to said viewer profile after expiration of said specified time period.

27. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 23 wherein said images comprise programs and said viewer profile identifies programs to be blocked from display to said at least one viewer.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein said images comprise channels and wherein said viewer profile identifies channels to be blocked from display to said at least one viewer.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein said viewer profile identifies at least one time period during which all images are to be blocked from display to said viewer.